

State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 16-060: WENNER LAKE/BENSON CREEK IRRIGATION

REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

#1-Repair main irrigation pipe from Settling Pond to Weir Box (approx. 1500 ft); digging to find old pipe for repair or replacement & covering back.

#2-Reestablish a "as was built" settling pond at same site location, removing sediment and debris that filled the pond as a result of the 2014 flood.

#3-Repairing the spillway at Lake #5.

#4-Locate and clear the outflow opening of the draw down pipe on Lake #4.

Proponent/Applicant: Jerome Thiel

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Wenner Lake #5 to weir box located at 275 Benson Creek Dr, Twisp, Okanogan County, Washington: Township 33N, Range 23W, Sections 30 and 31.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on October 10, 2016.**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law. \(^1\)

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: September 26, 2016 SIGNATURE: High Wood

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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